

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
6/21/15 – 7/4/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brett DeLonge was conducting a Great Lakes patrol near Fairport where numerous boats were observed trolling for salmon. After checking multiple boats CO DeLonge noticed a boat that appeared to have more than the legal amount of lines for the number of anglers in the boat. Upon contact CO DeLonge confirmed that the two anglers in the boat were using eight rods. The anglers explained that they were bored of not catching many fish so they used a couple of extra rods. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge received a phone call regarding a possible illegal burning complaint near the Menominee/Delta County line along US-41. CO DeLonge responded to the complaint and observed large dark clouds of smoke blowing across the highway. Upon arriving at the scene CO DeLonge noticed a very large pile of tires and insulation being burned in a gravel parking lot. CO DeLonge contacted the landowners burning the debris who were agitated by his presence there. After the CO expressed his concern for the safety of the vehicles traveling on the highway and how disposing of the tires and insulation through burning wasn't a good idea the landowners calmed down. The landowners thought it wasn't a big issue burning the debris and were disgusted with the thought that someone would complain about them burning. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a marine patrol on the Menominee River over the holiday weekend and contacted numerous anglers and boaters. Compliance was high with only a few violations observed that included failing to provide an adequate number of PFDs and failing to attach watercraft registration.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a Great Lakes patrol on the bay of Green Bay while assisting the Menominee County Sheriff's Department during the 4th of July fireworks display. The Bay was very busy with spectators and boaters before, during, and after the fireworks display. Compliance was high and the fireworks display was viewed in a safe manner with no boating accidents observed.

CO Dennis Gast worked the Portage Lake system over the long holiday weekend, which was very busy with the great weather. CO Gast encountered two individuals fishing without licenses and also second boater towing a skier without an observer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Miller responded to a complaint from one of the local Park Rangers of a large group of campers on Big Lake with several marine violations. CO Miller responded to the area to find two personal watercraft (PWCs) towing tubes without observers, two young boys on PWCs without boater safety certificates and both of them had been observed by CO Miller operating way too close to swimmers in the water and other

boats on the lake. Contact was made with the group and enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly worked the Copper Harbor fireworks with very few incidents during the fireworks show. After midnight CO Eberly assisted the Ft. Wilkins Rangers in removing several individuals from the Fort. CO Eberly also backed up a State Park Ranger at a camp site where it was reported several intoxicated campers had gotten into a fight. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly contacted a group of visitors to the Ft. Wilkins State Park who were insistent on being allowed to shoot their fireworks off in the park. The group was escorted out of the park by CO Eberly.

CO Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Emery patrolled Lake Gogebic over the 4th of July weekend. They contacted numerous boaters and anglers and encountered individuals in possession of undersized walleye, failure to provide personal flotation devices (PFDs) on a watercraft, unregistered watercraft, and fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling on an ORV trail in northern Menominee when a truck passed him on the trail. CO DeLonge observed the driver not wearing a seatbelt and signaled for the driver to stop. The driver ignored CO DeLonge's signal and continued driving on the trail. As CO DeLonge turned around to stop the vehicle he observed the driver of the truck throw an open can of beer out the truck window. When CO DeLonge was able to stop the truck and contact the driver he found the driver appeared to be intoxicated and smelled highly of alcohol. When the driver was asked why he didn't stop he explained that he was startled to see a conservation officer on the ORV trail and was scared of being stopped. After CO DeLonge inquired about the beer can that was thrown from the truck the driver explained that he was having a rough day and that he figured there would be less traffic on the ORV trail versus the highway so he could have a drink on his way home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Elton Luce reported a high volume of marine activity over the holiday weekend in Marquette County. CO Elton Luce reported good compliance of the law on the water; however he did make contact with the operator of a watercraft that had an expired registration since 2012. The watercraft also had numerous other marine violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Shannon Kritz made contact with two boats being operated on a popular Marquette County inland lake. Neither of the boats had PFDs on board for the occupants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Christopher Lynch were on ORV patrol when they observed a side-by-side operating without the required ORV permit. The officers conducted a stop of the ORV and contacted the driver. The driver claimed he did not need a Michigan

permit because the machine was registered in Wisconsin. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Christopher Lynch were just getting ready to launch their patrol boat at an access site when they observed kids on a tube being pulled behind a boat without an observer. Contact was made with the driver and the officers explained the requirement for having an observer present. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Christopher Lynch conducted numerous marine patrols in Dickinson County during the past week. The officers addressed violations for failing to register a boat, improper display of registration numbers and fishing with unattended lines.

CO Dave Painter checked an access site where there had been reported underage drinking. CO Painter located numerous beer cans tossed in the woods at the site. A suspect was developed and beer cans from the scene were matched to the suspect who was ticketed for littering.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Chad Baldwin received a call from a local agency requesting help tracking down a suspect who stole two ORVs. CO Painter and PCO Baldwin had investigated the theft the day prior and knew the area where the suspect was last seen. The officers arrived at the scene to find the victim of the crime chasing the suspect down a recreation trail. Contact with the victim was made by CO Painter and PCO Baldwin chased the suspect into a heavily wooded area. A local K9 unit arrived on scene and the pursuit was terminated to ensure the K9 could perform a proper search of the area. The suspect was flushed out of the woods and arrested later that evening. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Chad Baldwin were patrolling Fortune Lake when they spotted a suspicious individual sitting in a boat by himself, not actively fishing, and with the motor turned off. The officers made contact and the subject stated that he was trying to get cell reception to call his dad and have him picked up at the boat access. The subject had no PFDs in the boat and had a warrant for his arrest. The subject claimed to know nothing about the warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Chad Baldwin were patrolling the Michigamme River when they contacted a boat with an out of state registration and two subjects who had been trolling. One subject did not have a license but stated he was not fishing even though he just reeled in two lines in front of the officers. The other subject, who claimed to be the owner of the boat, produced a Michigan ID and was asked about the out of state boat registration. She claimed that she did not have a title and could not register the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Chad Baldwin received a complaint about several baby raccoons sitting on the side of the road. The officers investigated the complaint and found three raccoons too scared to move and no sign of their mother nearby. The

officers inspected the raccoons, made sure they were healthy enough to survive, and then relocated them about 150 feet off the road where the mother could pick them up when she returned.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted marine patrols on the 4th of July in Iron County. Violations addressed by the officers included improper display of registration, failure to register a vessel, and fishing without a license. Overall, with the high boating traffic, good compliance was found with safety equipment regulations.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch contacted a boat operator on the Cisco Chain of Lakes in Gogebic County. The subject was pulling three small kids on a tube and did not have an observer in the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Chad Baldwin just finished up a marine patrol at Fortune Lake when a 911 call came out about two women clinging to rocks and branches in the Brule River after their kayaks overturned in some rapids. COs Painter and Baldwin responded to the call thinking that they could launch their patrol boat in the river from a nearby access and reach the women quicker than trying to locate them off the nearest road. Unfortunately there were too many rocks and the water was too shallow to utilize the boat and they had to rely on the directions of the dispatcher who was "pinging" the victim's cellphone. CO Painter and PCO Baldwin met up with two deputies who had just arrived on scene as well. The two women were pulled to safety and were helped up the steep grade to the top of the river bank. The COs and deputies dragged the two kayaks to the top of the river bank, loaded them in the patrol boat and escorted the women out to the main road where a family member was waiting to pick them up.

PCO Brad Silorey and CO Marvin Gerlach contacted two subjects fishing on the Menominee River. Both subjects had three lines out but neither subject possessed a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Brad Silorey and CO Marvin Gerlach observed a subject operating his side-by-side ATV at a high rate of speed down the center of a lane on a state highway in Menominee County. Upon getting the subject stopped about two miles down the highway, the subject stated he was on his way to a family reunion. The stop occurred within sight of the facility hosting the reunion so any relatives present got the opportunity to be educated on the illegal actions taken by the subject. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Brad Silorey and CO Marvin Gerlach contacted a husband and wife enjoying an afternoon ride in their side by side ATV on a rural county road. They were enjoying their ride a little too much as was evidenced by the open beers they tried to hide when contacted by the officers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Shannon Kritz noticed an increased number of people on the water on Marquette County inland lakes. Numerous contacts were made. One of

the subjects contacted was operating an unregistered watercraft and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen and CO David Miller conducted an Isle Royal patrol this week. Everyone they contacted was in compliance with Michigan's fishing regulations.

CO Brian Lasanen finally caught up with an individual for shooting an antlerless deer without a permit during this past firearm deer season. The individual left town shortly after deer season when he heard that CO Lasanen obtained a warrant for his arrest. The Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department had information that the subject was back in town and CO Lasanen was able to locate him and serve the warrant.

CO Matt Eberly and Sgt. Emery conducted a marine patrol on Portage Lake in Houghton County. One of the boats contacted was last registered in 2009; and one of the occupants fishing on board had not purchased a fishing license since 2013. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

COs Brett Gustafson, Jon Busken and PCO Ethan Gainforth worked a group patrol in the Straights Area State Park during the car show weekend in St. Ignace. CO Busken received a complaint of a suspect driving at a high rate of speed and spinning his tires through the campground. CO Busken located the suspect vehicle and confirmed the license plate. PCO Gainforth assisted CO Busken with conducting the traffic stop of the vehicle. Upon further investigation it was discovered the operator's driving privileges were suspended several times over. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

COs Brett Gustafson, Jon Busken and PCO Ethan Gainforth were on marine patrol when they pulled into Mackinac City Harbor and observed a small homemade wooden boat being operated without registration. When contacted, the owner stated that he was advised by the Coast Guard that he could use the registration off his 58 foot Chris Craft for his homemade ancillary boat. After some investigation the owner of the small craft was advised that the boat was powered by an electric motor and therefore needed its own registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma and PCO Ray Gardner contacted two Canadian anglers on Lake George. PCO Gardner asked the anglers if they had any luck. They advised they had two pike and a walleye. PCO Gardner asked if he could take a look at the fish. The anglers advised that he could but that they caught the fish in Canadian waters and weren't sure why he would need to look at them. After determining that the pike was short it was explained to them that they could not fish in Michigan waters while in possession of a fish that would be considered illegal if caught in Michigan. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was conducting a marine patrol on a local lake when he made his first contact of the day with a pair of anglers. After conversing with the two for a bit, CO Watson asked what kind of fish they were catching and if they had kept any. One man replied that they had kept a good mix of bass, pike, and one nice pumpkinseed. When CO Watson asked how big the bass were, the man replied, "Probably not legal." After measuring the bass, it was found to be more than three inches undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson and Sgt. Mike Hammill stayed very busy throughout the July 4th holiday weekend with a noticeable increase in boating and fishing activity. Many violations were encountered, along with many more positive contacts. Violations included fishing without a license, failure to register a watercraft, failure to transfer ownership of watercraft, towing without an observer, improper display of registration, failure to display registration numbers, and no fishing license on person.

CO Jon Busken received a complaint from a timber land manager of several maple trees being cut down and taken to a local lumber yard. The logs were valued at more than \$700. The officer recovered samples of the logs and matched them to the logs taken from the property. Multiple interviews were conducted and a suspect was developed. An interview with the suspect led to a confession for the illegal taking of the timber. The suspect also revealed that he had taken more than \$900 worth of logs from state land. Charges are pending.

COs Jon Busken and Bobby Watson contacted two anglers on Milakokia Lake and when asked for their fishing licenses one claimed to have one but did not have it in possession. The second angler said that it was the first angler's responsibility to buy her a fishing license so she was uncertain if she had one. Further investigation revealed that neither subject had a fishing license, there were no life jackets on board, the registration was expired, and the title of the boat had never been transferred when purchased. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon attended a sportsman's coalition meeting at the Escanaba Great Lakes Sportsman's Club. It was attended by 17 local sportsmen representing several local groups.

COs Mike Evink and Rob Freeborn were called out at 11:30 p.m. to assist local deputies in locating a 74 year old male who had been missing for an entire day. The individual was scouting for bear hunting locations when he did not return home. He had no cell phone, and if he did it would not have mattered due to the remote location. He also had numerous health issues that increased the urgency in finding the individual. He was located safe at 3:00 a.m. the following morning.

CO Mike Evink came around a corner on a county roadway only to meet a dirt bike coming head on at him on his side of the road. Officer Evink was able to avoid a collision, spin around and stop the driver. Besides driving against the flow of traffic the driver also had not licensed the bike. The driver was ticketed.

COs Mike Evink and Rob Freeborn conducted a 4th of July patrol on the waters of Lake Michigan from Manistique around the Garden Peninsula. The officers contacted boats near Fairport and one ticket was issued for fishing with too many lines. The officers then continued to the Garden area where they made contact with numerous vessels. They also encountered and ticketed an individual who had various violations while he was fly-fishing, sitting on a trolling motor battery on a paddle board being propelled by an electric motor while drinking a beer.

While on patrol on a local lake CO Rob Freeborn was speaking with an angler at the boat launch. When CO Freeborn asked the angler if he had any luck, he replied that he hadn't but pointed out in the lake where his son was and stated that he had a few small bass and panfish. CO Freeborn then told the angler that he was going to get his boat ready to launch. The angler stated, "You're going out there?" When CO Freeborn replied that he was, the angler got back in his boat and stated, "Well I better go see how my son is doing." CO Freeborn was able to get his boat launched and out to the angler's son's boat just as he arrived. When CO Freeborn asked the angler if he had any luck, the angler stated that he had a few bluegills and couple largemouth bass. When asked how big the largemouth bass were, he replied, "Over a foot." Upon measuring the fish it was determined that the angler was in possession of undersized smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rob Freeborn and Bobby Watson were on routine patrol on a local lake when they observed a boat take off and head for shore when they saw the COs launch. The COs were able to catch the boat just before it reached shore. After a short investigation it was determined that one of the anglers had not purchased a license and the boat didn't have adequate PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rob Freeborn and Bobby Watson were on a local lake when they came across a pontoon boat with several people who appeared to be grandparents fishing with their grandkids. Upon asking one of the excited anglers if they had any luck, the grandmother proudly stated they had a few panfish and one largemouth bass. When asked how big the fish was the grandmother stated that she measured it and it was 14 inches. When CO Freeborn checked the fish it measured at 13.5. CO Freeborn instructed them how to lay the fish on top of the measuring tape. The largemouth bass was released and the anglers were given a warning for the short bass.

COs John Wenzel and Mike Evink were checking anglers on Thunder Lake when they observed a boat with four anglers. Upon contact, it was found that none of the subjects had purchased a fishing license. They stated the machine was down at the local store and they were unable to purchase them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel was called to the scene of a catamaran sailboat that had capsized in rough waves on Lake Michigan. CO Wenzel, along with a local deputy, located the overturned vessel. Both officers assisted the men in righting their vessel. The officers then stood by while they got their sails adjusted properly and were on their way.

CO John Wenzel was called to assist a vessel that had lost power several miles out in Lake Michigan. CO Wenzel, along with a marine deputy, located the broken down vessel and due to the high winds and rough seas, helped get them safely to the Escanaba harbor.

CO John Wenzel assisted a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper with a subject who had been stung by a bee and was not breathing. The officers helped load the subject into the waiting ambulance. CO Wenzel and the trooper then provided an escort for the ambulance and blocked intersections on the way to the nearby hospital.

CO John Wenzel was checking an angler on Lake Michigan when he observed a single subject with a dog in a boat that had four planer boards out. Upon contact CO Wenzel asked the subject how many lines he had out. The subject replied he had three and the dog had one. Rather than ticket the dog for fishing without a license, the owner was ticketed for too many lines. The subject stated he figured it was worth the try.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt was patrolling Lake Charlevoix at sunset when she encountered a kayak in the middle of the lake. Upon making contact it was discovered that the subject did not have a PFD, nor did he have a light for the vessel. The subject and kayak were loaded into Officer Erratt's patrol boat and transported to shore. A ticket was issued for failure to have a PFD.

CO Andrea Erratt worked the East Jordan Freedom Festival Fireworks Display on Lake Charlevoix helping to maintain a safety zone around the fireworks barge.

While returning to port after working a fireworks detail, CO Andrea Erratt encountered a vessel operating without navigational lights. Upon approach of the vessel the operator turned on his sternlight not wanting to be hit by the approaching boat. In contacting the operator, he stated he did not have his lights on because he did not want to scare the fish. Officer Erratt explained the dangers of not having navigational lights displayed while operating after dark. A ticket was issued.

Working a marine patrol on Walloon Lake CO Erratt observed a pontoon boat with two subjects who were clearly fishing. Upon approaching the boat the subject fishing in the rear of the boat handed his fishing pole off to the second subject and quickly went to the front of the boat and began to frantically start eating. Upon making contact it was discovered that this subject was fishing without a license. A ticket was issued.

While patrolling Walloon Lake, CO Andrea Erratt observed a boat with five subjects aboard with four of them fishing. Upon making contact it was discovered that none of the four had fishing licenses and the boat only had three life jackets and did not have a Type IV throwable PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt was on boat patrol when she observed two individuals from Florida fishing on the break wall next to the Charlevoix DNR Fish Station. Upon making contact the individuals stated that in Florida you don't need a fishing license to fish from a break wall or pier, so they didn't buy one. A check of the subjects revealed that they had purchased Michigan fishing licenses back in 2009. When presented with this information, the subjects stated they use to live in Michigan and used to buy fishing licenses when they would go fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

After following up on a potential illegal charter boat, Officer Andrea Erratt was approached by subjects advising her that there was a boat adrift on Lake Charlevoix. Officer Erratt responded and located a 32 foot Formula boat. The owner of the boat was located and while interviewing him it was discovered that the vessel was improperly documented in the state of Kentucky and had no valid registration. Enforcement action was taken.

During a marine patrol on Lake Charlevoix, CO Erratt observed a large vessel operating above a slow, no-wake speed with three people on the bow of the vessel not designed for passengers. Upon stopping the vessel it was discovered that one of the subjects on the bow was a five year old girl who was not wearing a life jacket as required. It was also learned that there were not enough life jackets on the vessel for all of the occupants aboard. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a fish patrol on Deer Lake CO Andrea Erratt contacted two subjects fishing from a canoe. One of the subjects was fishing without a license and the other had an undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Duane Budreau and Sgt. Greg Drogowski conducted a targeted patrol around Beaver Island in response to complaints of subjects taking early bass. One boat was contacted in the suspect area. It turned out to be a charter boat taking its customer fly fishing for carp in the waters around the bass beds.

While conducting a marine patrol in Little Traverse Bay on Lake Michigan, CO Duane Budreau encountered a vessel that was unregistered. A ticket was issued.

During a marine patrol on Paradise Lake, CO Duane Budreau observed a vessel towing without an observer. While attempting to stop the vessel, the operator kept looking back to view the subjects being towed and almost collided into the side of Officer Budreau's patrol vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

While driving down M-119 CO Duane Budreau observed a vehicle pass him on the right, on the shoulder of the roadway. After passing the officer the subject then decided to veer further to the right onto the bike path and continue a distance before pulling into a store. The subject was stopped and enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Speigl reports that a warrant has been authorized for a dog running at large that killed a fawn.

CO Steve Speigl continues to follow up on a litter case involving the issuing of search warrants to locate the responsible party.

CO Andrea Albert gave a presentation to a children's reading group at the Grass River Natural Area about the duties of a conservation officer.

COs Andrea Albert, Andrea Erratt, Steve Speigl and Sgt. Mike Feagan, along with the MSP, Antrim County Sheriff's Department and the Kalkaska County Sheriff's department worked Torch Fest on Torch Lake in Antrim and Kalkaska counties. This event entails the gathering of several thousand individuals on the sand bar in Torch Lake. During this event officers addressed numerous law violations and minor medical emergencies. A total of 70 tickets were issued and several arrests were made for drunk and disorderly and resisting and obstructing an officer in the performance of their duties. In addition numerous marine violations were addressed.

COs Eric Bottorff, Matt Theunick, Mark Depew, Sgt. Greg Drogowski and PCOs Ben McAteer and Craig Neal worked a special marine safety detail on the 4th of July at the "Maple Bay Bash", on the sand bar in Maple Bay, Burt Lake. Due to increasing public safety issues during the annual event, the patrol was pre-planned with the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department and several deputies also worked the marine detail. Patrols were focused by patrol boat on the perimeter of the large number of rafted boats and by wading on foot among the boats and citizens on the sandbar. Enforcement issues included drunk and disorderly subjects, minors in possession, operating a motorboat while intoxicated, no lifejackets, littering, and other various marine safety violations. Several arrests and tickets occurred, along with multiple warnings. Assistance was given to broken down boaters, swimmers attempting to swim between the sandbar and shore while intoxicated, and first aid to minor injuries. No major injuries or accidents took place. Many favorable comments were received from citizens, appreciating the increased enforcement and peace keeping at the event.

CO Mark Depew and PCO Craig Neal contacted a motorboat for a minor marine violation and found the operator had been drinking. Sobriety tests were administered and a PBT result was .13. The motorboat operator was arrested and lodged.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ben McAteer observed a pontoon boat extremely overloaded and made contact with them. Upon addressing the violation, the pontoon boat almost capsized from being overloaded with people. The boat was escorted to the sand bar and several people were unloaded. A ticket for insufficient number of PFDs was issued. The boat operator thanked the COs for getting people off his boat.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ben McAteer conducted several marine patrols, issuing tickets for towing without observers, no PFDs, litter, fishing without licenses and undersized fish.

CO Nick Torsky and PCO Calvin Smith conducted marine safety patrols, issuing tickets for no PFDs and expired registrations, along with verbal warnings for minor marine violations.

CO Nick Torsky and PCO Calvin Smith responded to a domestic disturbance and being the closest law enforcement unit, they arrived on scene quickly. The disturbance was only verbal and parties each agreed to separate until each could cool off.

CO Nick Torsky and PCO Calvin Smith responded to a call of a loon in a ditch. The loon was located alongside a roadway, captured and released on a nearby lake.

CO Mark Depew and PCO Craig Neal observed two adults with several children smoking what appeared to be marijuana at a public access site. After making contact with the adults, marijuana was recovered and one adult was arrested for possession of marijuana.

CO Mark Depew and PCO Calvin Smith located a vehicle that a BOL was given for operating all over the road. A traffic stop was made and the operator was determined to have been drinking. Sobriety tests were given and the driver arrested for operating while intoxicated. A 17 year old female passenger was irate with the officers and was determined to also have been drinking. She was ticketed for minor in possession. There were also several young children in the vehicle. Child endangerment charges are also being pursued thru the prosecutor's office.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ben McAteer located an illegal deer blind on state land. The resulting investigation and interview of a suspect ended with a ticket issued for failing to remove the blind from state land at the end of deer season.

Responding to a small wildfire complaint, CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ben McAteer found a subject who was burning while prohibited, burning illegal materials, and allowed the fire to escape. Enforcement action was taken.

While on his day off and visiting Mackinaw Island with his family, PCO Ben McAteer administered first aid to a citizen involved in a bicycle accident and summoned Emergency Medical Services (EMS), staying with the injured subject until EMS arrived.

CO Matt Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski patrolled several State Forest Campgrounds over the holiday weekend. Several warnings and tickets were issued for excessive noise, minors in possession, drunk and disorderly, fireworks, and various other campground violations.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO Calvin Smith investigated a litter complaint involving a large amount of trash dumped on state land. A suspect was developed and an admission was received. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in the Pigeon River Country state forest, Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded to a complaint from two backpackers that two bears would not leave the area adjacent to their tent, even after yelling at them. They reported the bears were not aggressive, but were pacing back and forth, not leaving. While the backpackers were on their cell phone with 911 dispatch, Sgt. Drogowski was able to determine their location and instructed them to walk out to the road to his location, approximately one mile. The backpackers were concerned the bears were now in front of them on the hiking trail, and it was now after dark. After blowing the siren and encouraging them to continue, the hikers made it to the road and were transported back to their vehicle. They opted to stay in a motel for the night.

CO Brad Bellville stopped four ORVs due to one of the operators not wearing a helmet. The operator was irate and claimed he did not have to wear one since motorcycle operators did not have to. CO Bellville explained to the operator that law did not apply to four wheelers and issued him a ticket for operating without a helmet.

COs Tim Rosochacki and Brad Bellville assisted at the fireworks display in Alpena.

CO Tim Rosochacki has been investigating a suspicious fire on state land which reignited multiple times. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Kelly Ross was patrolling Clear Lake and made contact with a pontoon boat with an improper registration. While talking with occupants of the boat it was determined that there were numerous minors consuming alcohol and the operator of the vessel was determined to be intoxicated. The minors received tickets for drinking while underage and the operator was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

COs Kelly Ross and Brad Bellville were driving down a county road when they heard bullets flying overhead. The officers contacted three individuals target practicing on private property; they were shooting at a flower on the top of a berm and were unaware the road was so close. They were issued tickets for carelessly discharging a firearm.

CO Kelly Ross was patrolling on state land when he passed by an ORV that was operating at an excessive rate of speed on the county road. When CO Ross turned around and attempted to stop the ORV the operator fled from the patrol truck. The operator of the ORV eventually abandoned his ORV and ran on foot. CO Ross was assisted by local deputies and other COs in canvassing the area. A suspect was developed and later interviewed. Charges are being sought for flee and elude on an ORV.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling state land when he located three youth riding in a UTV who were not buckled in and were operating illegally on state land. CO Sklba followed the youths back to their camp and talked with their parents about the underage operation, operating in a closed area, and not using the seat belts. A ticket was issued to the owner of the UTV for allowing his underage children to operate unsupervised.

CO Jon Skilba and Sgt. Joe Molnar patrolled inland lakes over the weekend and issued tickets for fishing without licenses and operating a boat without enough life jackets.

CO Bill Webster responded to a complaint of a boat operating in a slow, no-wake zone at too high of a speed causing waterfront owners boats to impact their docks. CO Webster observed the area and eventually witnessed the same boat operating at an excessive speed and contacted the operator. The operator stated he thought the slow, no-wake only applied around the dock. He was ticketed for the violation.

DISTRICT 4

CO Rich Stowe and his student intern responded to an injured bear complaint in the Northport area of Leelanau County on the 4th of July holiday weekend. The complainant advised they had been hearing what appeared to be an injured bear for hours in a swamp area. Upon arrival, CO Stowe heard what did sound like a bear moaning on the fringe of a residential area, further investigation identified a very sad dog (Akita breed) kenneled for getting sprayed by a skunk.

While conducting marine and fish patrol on Lake Dubonnet, CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Adam Leclerc checked an angler in a canoe. COs observed the angler had caught and kept a legal bass. COs inquired about other fish he had caught. The angler opened a cooler and COs observed a dark spot at the bottom of the cooler. The angler brought out a fish but not the dark spot, and showed the officers. COs then asked him to show them what the dark spot at the bottom of the cooler was. The angler showed them it was an undersized bass that he had concealed at the bottom of the cooler. Enforcement was action taken.

COs Justin Vanderlinde, Rebecca Hopkins, and PCO Matt Zultak responded to an injured boater near Power Island on West Grand Traverse Bay. COs were able to ferry EMS personnel from Bowers Harbor to the boat where there was an injured person on board. A passenger riding below deck in the cabin had received serious injuries when the boat hit violent waves while underway. The operator and passengers, which included an infant, were transported to an access site where EMS transported them to an area hospital.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working a routine marine patrol on a local lake in Lake County when he came across a pontoon operating without a valid registration. CO Killingbeck checked the boat for safety equipment and found that the operator had no PFDs on board or a fire extinguisher and that there was a 13 inch bass in a bucket. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working a shift on the Muskegon River when he was dispatched to a complaint of a subject who was extremely intoxicated and unable to get back in his tube. The CO arrived and found a man clinging to a cooler and two open beer cans. It was obvious the subject was extremely intoxicated and CO Killingbeck had to lift him into his boat to get him back to shore. CO Killingbeck searched the

cooler and also found the subject to be in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was lodged at the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working a routine marine patrol on a local lake in Lake County when he witnessed a boat operator towing a skier too close to several docks. CO Killingbeck stopped the boaters to discuss the safety issue and apparent 100 foot violation when a second boat came within 100 feet of him towing a skier. The operator of the second boat misjudged the angle of the shoreline and put the skier's trajectory directly in line with a dock. The skier recognized that he was on a direct collision course with the dock and decidedly let go of the rope and turning hard as he struck the water. The skier was able to avoid the dock but landed in the middle of a lakefront owner's front lawn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck responded to a trespass complaint on a local lake in Irons when he witnessed a female jump on a jet ski at a dock. The female operator took off from the docks at a high rate of speed and continued at a speed greater than no-wake through an area where swimmers were in the water. CO Killingbeck waited for the subject to come back to her dock and met her there, where she explained that she wasn't aware of any of the rules pertaining to operation of personal watercraft. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky located a truck that had operated in an illegal area along the Lake Michigan shoreline destroying vegetation and dune grass. CO Brosky stopped the vehicle for the violation and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was working a routine patrol in Lake County when he encountered an ORV operating without an ORV license. Both the driver and passenger were not wearing helmets or eye protection. When CO Brosky stopped the subjects and asked the subject where his ORV license was, he pulled it from his pocket. The driver had it for quite some time but failed to display it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson were working a routine marine patrol mid-day in Lake County when they noticed a pontoon sitting in the middle of the public lake without current registration displayed. After a few minutes, the boat moved to another location and the COs could see subjects jumping from the boat. As they got closer, they realized that the subjects did not have any clothing on. The COs confronted the male subjects and had a discussion about indecent exposure, advising them to promptly dress. Once everyone had clothing on, the COs were able to conduct a marine safety check which revealed that there were no PFDs onboard, the boat had never been registered, and that several of them were minors in possession of intoxicants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson followed a subject back to his camp on the Pere Marquette River to ascertain if he had a current fishing license. As they entered the campground they found two females fighting in the parking lot. The COs were able to break up the fight prior to verifying that the angler was indeed properly licensed.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson were checking anglers on Hamlin Lake when they encountered a subject who claimed to be 16. The COs were suspicious of the individual's true age and asked for his date of birth. The angler hesitantly gave them a date. Unfortunately, when the COs did the math, it made the individual actually 21 years old. After discussion he finally gave them proper identification and admitted he was 20 years old. The other angler fishing with him admitted that he was unlicensed as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson were checking fishing vessels on Lake Michigan when they observed an angler who appeared to be fishing too many lines. As the COs approached, it became evident to CO Publiski that he and CO Brian Brosky had written the same angler a few weeks prior for too many lines. The COs contacted the boat owner who acted as though he was unaware of the fact there was an extra line and also tried to convince the COs that he was never ticketed in the past. CO Publiski told him that he had a copy of the ticket to verify he was the same person from before if he really wanted to see it. The owner finally admitted he was fishing too many lines on this day as well and enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethan Mapes were working Tippy Backwaters when they observed a group of individuals onshore who were lighting off fireworks. The COs watched the group and saw them throwing their debris and empty beer cans into the vegetation behind them. The COs decided to check them and found that two out of three individuals were minors in possession of alcohol as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethan Mapes were working along the Little Manistee River when they observed an angler fishing from shore. After watching the angler for some time, it became apparent that he was snagging salmon. The angler was repeatedly snagging a deep hole for over 15 minutes. When the COs contacted him, he tried to convince them that he is left handed and has a hard time setting the hook, hence the reason he was using both hands to jerk the line. When the COs asked him how many times his line was bitten by a fish, he advised only a few. They then asked him why he had been setting the hook so often, to which he did not have an answer.

The angler finally admitted that he was snagging and advised he was issued a ticket last year by CO Vanderlinde for the same offense. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethan Mapes were on patrol on a small lake in Manistee County when they observed an angler in a boat with an expired registration. They stopped the angler and asked him if he had a current registration to replace the 1988 decal but he replied that he did not. The COs then asked the angler for his fishing license and he admitted he had been fishing this particular lake for over 20 years without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethan Mapes were on patrol on a small lake in Manistee County when they decided to check a group of five boats fishing together. Prior to approaching, they noted that everyone was fishing. Once they reached the group and

started checking licenses, one boat slowly pulled away and headed for shore. The COs continued with their checks and promptly caught up with the boat that had left the area. When they contacted the anglers, one immediately responded, "I knew you were going to check me for a license and I don't have one, so I got the heck out of there."

Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski was conducting a routine marine patrol on Portage Lake when he encountered a vessel that did not have a current registration displayed. CO Koscinski stopped the boat and spoke to the owner about the violation. The owner stated that he did have a valid registration for the boat, but stated he just hasn't had time to put the decals on. CO Koscinski looked at the registration and found it was issued in 2013. CO Koscinski advised that there had been more than enough time to attach the decals and enforcement action was taken.

COs Holly Pennoni, Becky Hopkins, Sam Koscinski and CO Killenbeck provided assistance to the US Forest Service (USFS) in the Mesick area with increased patrols related to a gathering of the Rainbow Family of the Living Light on federal lands located near Mesick. The event brought over 1000 persons from a number of states who camped on USFS lands for approximately one week. Multiple law enforcement and resource agencies monitored activities and interacted with attendees leading to minimal incidents or complaints related to the gathering.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber were working the Muskegon River in Newaygo County when they encountered a group of young adults floating down river. One of the subjects did not have a PFD in the canoe and was ticketed for the violation. A consent search of their belongings revealed a second subject in possession of a controlled substance. The suspect stated he did not have prescription for the controlled substance but simply takes it while he is tubing because it keeps him focused. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber contacted a family who was getting ready to go kayaking on the Muskegon River. The family was one PFD short to be legal. CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Benjamin Weber loaned the family one PFD from their patrol boat to fulfill the required equipment. CO Ginn asked the man to drop the PFD off at a local police department at the end of the day. CO Ginn did recover his PFD later that day.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Benjamin Weber responded to a burning complaint where a local contractor was burning several Tires. Upon arrival the officer's observed the burning tires and took enforcement action.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber were working in the Croton area after dark when they contacted four subjects on a golf cart style ORV. The subjects were using handheld lights as a head and tail light which was not a safe alternative. Upon making contact the ORV was found to be unlicensed and each of the four subjects had an open container of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum stopped to assist two stranded motorists with a flat tire in southern Osceola County. While out with the two subjects CO Lebel obtained the male subject's information and PCO Pullum gathered the female's information. Once back at the patrol truck the male subject began walking away from the scene. CO Lebel ordered him to "STOP". The subject then ran across the road and into the woods. A foot pursuit ensued by CO Lebel and PCO Pullum. The suspect tripped in the swamp and was apprehended. Six outstanding Warrants were discovered along with possession of contraband. The suspect was lodged.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum contacted an angler in possession of three rainbow trout. Upon inspecting the angler's catch it was determined that two of the trout were undersized. The trout were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum were working in Lake County and conducted a stop on a dirt bike with two riders operating in a closed area. PCO Pullum determined it was a father and young son riding double. The father and owner of the bike said they left his son's bike further down the trail because it couldn't make it through the sand. They were trying to get back to his truck then take his truck to pick up the bike. PCO Pullum also determined the dirt bike was not titled in the owner's name even though he purchased it just over a year ago. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was working the ORV Area at Silver Lake State Park over the holiday weekend. With the warm weather attendance was up from previous years. CO Shively made numerous contacts and issued tickets for operating an ORV while having a suspended license, exhibition driving, speeding on the entrance ramp, operating without a roll bar with passengers, and he also lodged one subject on two outstanding warrants.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was patrolling Federal land when he passed a motor vehicle that did not have a registration plate. A traffic stop was conducted and upon approaching the vehicle, the passenger threw a marijuana pipe out the window. The pipe was recovered and upon running a file on both subjects, it was determined that the driver had never obtained a driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was patrolling near Silver Lake State Park when he observed a four seat utility vehicle operating on the roadway without a license plate. The vehicle was stopped and found not to be street legal. The operator was ticketed for operating an ORV on a public roadway and was escorted back to the ORV Area of the state park.

COs Ben Shively, Troy VanGelderren and probationary CO Matt Neterer provided security on Lake Michigan with their great lakes patrol vessel for the Pentwater fireworks. The COs assisted with closing the Pentwater channel and keeping a safety zone for the 100 plus vessels in attendance.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County received a complaint of a subject throwing fish entrails into the water. The subject had been ticketed by CO Jeff Ginn for the same violation in the past. CO Wells conducted stationary surveillance of the angler and was unable to confirm the original complaint. Upon making contact CO Wells was able to determine that the subject was in possession of fish with no license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Vangelderren of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were working at the Silver Lake State Park Sand Dunes and received a complaint of two subjects in the ORV area that had been evicted from the park the previous day due to violations. CO Vangelderren and PCO Neterer went to his location and arrested both subjects for criminal trespass and again removed them from the park.

CO Troy Vangelderren of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were on patrol when they observed a UTV pass the patrol vehicle without a license plate. The officers turned the patrol vehicle around and attempted to make a stop. The UTV driver headed down a dead end road and attempted to hide the UTV. The COs were able to track the UTV and locate the driver a short distance away. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Vangelderren of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were patrolling Hart Lake when they contacted a subject fishing. The angler stated that he had purchased a license earlier in the year. A check with the Retail Sales System revealed that the angler had not purchased a fishing license since 2010. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Vangelderren of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were patrolling the ORV area of Silver Lake State Park when they observed a subject spinning donuts on his motorcycle near the beach area where exhibition driving is not permitted. After making contact, it was discovered that the driver had a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Vangelderren of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were ready to launch on a lake for patrol when a subject drove down the road toward them on a golf cart. They stopped the subject to inform him of the violation. The officers noticed that the driver was drinking a beer, and that he seemed to be intoxicated. After sobriety tests were conducted and confirmed, the driver was arrested and lodged at the Oceana County jail for operating while intoxicated and having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle. The golf cart was impounded.

DISTRICT 5

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Josh Wright responded to a complaint about several subjects fishing in a canal. The complaint indicated the subjects had kept undersized bass and cut them up to use for bait. When the COs arrived, the subjects were scattered and not cooperative with the investigation. None of the subjects would take responsibility for their actions. Officers educated the group about size limits and left them with a stern warning. Fast forward a week and COs were checking a nearby lake

when they observed the same group of anglers. This time, officers had plenty of time to observe the anglers before making contact. One of the anglers again tried to deny his fishing activity, however, it did not work this time and the non-resident was issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Josh Wright were pulling into a local boating access site when they contacted a subject with a fishing pole. The subject immediately informed the COs that he was not fishing. The COs went about launching their patrol vessel when CO McCullough observed the same subject fishing down at water's edge. The officer again contacted the subject, who produced the required fishing license and Michigan ID. However, a quick radio check revealed the angler had multiple arrest warrants out, including one felony warrant. Officers were able to safely arrest the suspect without incident.

COs Steve Lockwood and Nick Atkin were on marine patrol when they observed a PWC with several subjects aboard, none of whom were wearing life jackets. When stopped, the subjects stated that they were trying to find a gas station quickly and did not have time to grab any life jackets. The subjects became agitated during the contact and finally reached under the seat of the PWC and pulled out the required life jackets. Seems as though they had the life jackets the entire time, just did not want to wear them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson observed two subjects on an ORV operating through the Village of Twining at about 50 mph down the middle of the road. Additionally, the operator failed to stop for a stop sign at the railroad tracks and if that were not enough, they were also operating on an ORV that was not designed for a passenger. CO Hudson took enforcement action that included a ticket and several verbal warnings.

CO Nick Atkin was checking vessels coming off Saginaw Bay recently when he contacted a very nervous angler. The check revealed two hidden undersized walleyes in the boat. CO Atkin took enforcement action along with stressing the importance of measuring fish.

CO Mark Papineau was flagged down during a marine patrol on Wixom Lake in Gladwin County and made contact with a subject who had accidentally severed a finger on the door of their pontoon boat. CO Papineau was able to provide first aid, put the severed finger on ice, and take the victim to the boat launch for transport to the hospital.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint of a possible drowning on Gladwin County's Secord Lake. According to witnesses, a subject was seen snorkeling with a diver flag in the area of a local marina. Several hours later, the witnesses noticed the dive flag still in place but there was no sign of the diver. Along with assistance from the Gladwin County Marine Division, CO Papineau was able to secure the scene and obtain help from the local fire departments and dive team. As further witnesses came forward, the identity of the diver was obtained and he was eventually located at the local bar near the lake. The subject, now highly intoxicated, advised that he was using the diver flag

as a location buoy and planned on diving in that area the following day. The subject was issued a ticket for leaving his dive flag unattended.

COs Bobbi Lively, Joel Lundberg, Brian Olsen, Kyle Bader, Jonathan Warner, along with PCOs James Zellinger, Tyler Cole, Mark Siemen and Sgt. Brandon Kieft patrolled the Au Sable River from Mio to the Cummins Flats. This area has a large volume of complaints generated for marine activity including drunk and disorderly, minors in possession, drugs, litter, and numerous other safety violations. The officers patrolled by kayak and jet boat, making over 150 contacts including 50 to 75 canoes/kayaks during the weekend of Operation Dry Water. Tickets were issued for safety violations including failure to provide PFDs and three tickets were issued for drug use/possession.

COs Bobbi Lively, Chuck McPherson, and Kyle Bader assisted in a multi-agency search for a homicide suspect who shot two people in Roscommon County. The COs patrolled back roads and state land two tracks where the shooting occurred. The subject was located the next day downstate.

While conducting a patrol on the Au Sable River near Mio, CO Kyle Bader and Sgt. Brandon Kieft observed a subject paddling from kayak to kayak in a suspicious manner. The COs believed the individual was selling drugs on the river. CO Brian Olsen and PCO James Zellinger made contact with the subject and located marijuana in his possession. Enforcement action was taken.

During a group patrol for illegal ORV activity near St. Helen, CO Kyle Bader and Sgt. Brandon Kieft observed three jeeps parked side by side and completely blocking both lanes of Beaver Lake Trail. Upon contact with the drivers, the officers learned that one of them was driving on a suspended license. Further investigation revealed that his vehicle was not insured, not registered with the Secretary of State, and the license plate on the Jeep Cherokee belonged on a Pontiac Bonneville owned by a family member. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader pulled into a wetland area closed to ORV operation and observed a subject on his knees in the sand. The subject was all wet and breathing heavily. The subject had just crashed his four-wheeler because he had driven it into the water at a high rate of speed. After the man was checked for injuries, he was warned for careless operation of an ORV and ticketed for operating in a closed area.

The 4th of July weekend brought a surge of ORV activity to Ogemaw County. CO Kyle Bader issued four tickets for people operating in closed areas and conducted three traffic stops for major safety violations while attempting to leave a boat launch with his patrol boat. Enforcement action was taken on all incidents.

CO Jonathan Warner and PCO Mark Siemen were patrolling an ORV trailhead in Iosco County when they observed an entire family crowded onto a single-person ORV. Besides having four times the allowed capacity, the ORV was also not licensed and none of the riders were wearing helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathan Warner and PCO Mark Siemen were patrolling the Au Sable River in Oscoda Township where several intoxicated subjects were jumping off a railroad bridge that went over the river. The area is heavily posted against trespass and all subjects involved were issued tickets for trespass. A 19-year-old male subject from Oscoda had jumped from the bridge and when the officers made contact with him, he became disgruntled, resisted them, and attempted to swim away. The intoxicated subject was pulled from the water, taken into custody, and lodged in the Iosco County Jail on numerous charges.

CO Warren MacNeill and PCO Jacob Griffin responded to a medical emergency involving a subject who had his leg amputated in a farming accident. The officers arrived at the same time as EMS and provided a C-A-T tourniquet to medics to further stop the bleeding.

COs Warren MacNeill, Josh Russell, and PCO Jacob Griffin responded to a complaint of illegal commercial fishing nets in Lake Huron near East Tawas. The officers gathered information off the nets and marked their location. The information was provided to the DNR Great Lakes Enforcement Unit who specializes in Commercial Fish Enforcement.

CO Josh Russell assisted Oscoda Township Police on an investigation involving an abandoned vehicle located in a ditch alongside the road. CO Russell made contact with an intoxicated male who was walking in the vicinity of the crash. The subject was identified and further investigation tied him to the vehicle involved. Warrants are being sought for his arrest through the Iosco County Prosecutor's Office.

Sgt. Brandon Kieft was patrolling Round Lake in Iosco County when he observed a PWC pass between his patrol boat and the shoreline at a high rate of speed. The PWC passed within 10 feet of the shoreline where the water depth was about one foot deep. The PWC was being operated by an adult with a young child as his passenger. After conducting a stop on the vessel and issuing a ticket, Sgt. Kieft had to assist the individuals who had dismounted the PWC and couldn't get back on. The machine also became disabled and had to be towed to shore.

CO John Huspen and PCO Jill Berry assisted local deputies with an ORV accident where two riders hit several trees resulting in injuries to both operator and rider. The subjects were wearing helmets, but were riding double and at a high rate of speed. Education was the focus of the contact after getting subjects loaded into the waiting ambulances for transport to the hospital.

While approaching an intersection in Orange Township, COs Mike Hearn and Probationary CO Justin Muehlhauser observed two ORVs waiting to cross the road. When traffic cleared, one of the ORVs accelerated at a high rate of speed. Upon stopping the subject it was determined that he was under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and careless operation of ORV.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser received a complaint of a fire near Portage Creek Road and Howe Road. When the COs arrived, fire crews were working on containing the fire. The fire was burning on each side of Howe Road and approximately 30 acres were burned. It was later determined that the fire was likely caused due to military training exercises in the area.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz was requested by the Missaukee County Sheriff's Department to respond to a large party on state land. There were over 300 people at this party that was advertised by invite only on Facebook. A lot of damage occurred to state land because of this party including littering, minors in possession, and disorderly actions. CO Liestenfeltz was able to locate the organizers of this event and his investigation continues.

COs Chris Bowen, John Huspen, and PCO Jill Berry worked Higgins Lake on the 4th of July. They assisted with several complaints involving intoxication and heat stroke. They also assisted in the investigation of an assault with a glass alcohol bottle.

CO Chuck McPherson participated with "Heroes in a Park" in the St. Helen Area. CO McPherson read books to area youth and explained to them the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer.

CO Chuck McPherson work in the South Higgins State Park on July 4th. During this patrol CO McPherson responded to numerous fights and contacted EMS for multiple individuals who were unconscious due to over indulgence of alcohol.

CO Chuck McPherson assisted with a complaint in South Higgins State Park on July 4th. Park rangers received a complaint of a male and female in the changing room of the women's restroom engaging in lewd behavior. CO McPherson was able to gain entrance into the changing room and removed the male subject. Charges are pending for both individuals.

DISTRICT 6

PCO Jason King and CO Quincy Gowenlock received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint regarding a subject posting many pictures of himself with several bucks and does on Facebook. His comments indicated that he had shot all of the deer himself in 2014 and when an RSS check was conducted, it was determined that the suspect failed to purchase any 2014 deer hunting licenses. The COs made contact with the suspect and when questioned he initially lied and said that his father and grandfather shot the deer. When questioned further about his comments indicating that he shot the deer, he advised that he was just trying to impress his friends. The COs still didn't buy his story and continued to question him about the posting and after a few more minutes the subject finally confessed to shooting three bucks and getting paid \$50 to shoot a doe for his friend. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Jason King and CO Quincy Gowenlock were patrolling the Saginaw River in the jet boat when they observed a subject fishing from shore. The COs beached the boat and made contact. While talking with the subject, PCO King asked if he had caught any fish and the subject replied, "No." At the same time, CO Gowenlock located a stringer which was tied off to a log in front of the subject. When the CO pulled it up out of the water, he observed a channel catfish, smallmouth bass, and a short largemouth bass. When questioned further, the subject admitted to catching the fish. When asked if he knew the size regulations regarding the bass, he said, "No." The largemouth measured only nine inches and the subject said he planned on letting it go. When it was brought to his attention that the fish was already dead, he had no comment. The subject was ticketed for the violation.

CO Dan Lee was patrolling Saginaw County when he observed an ORV on the roadway heading in the opposite direction at a high rate of speed. The CO stopped the operator who said he was 16 years old. The young man said he knew his ORV license was expired and he planned to get one soon. The CO talked to him about the 25 mph limit on ORVs on a roadway and the operator stated he cruises around on a golf cart all the time on the roads and didn't know there was a speed limit, but also admitted his golf cart doesn't go over 25 mph. The CO explained that as a 16 year old, the young man could be charged with traffic violations that would prohibit him from getting his full driver's license. After hearing this, the young man explained that he was actually 17 years old so that didn't matter. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell put his patrol boat in the water on Big White Fish Lake. His plan was to spend a good portion of the morning checking anglers and working marine violations. The very first stop was of an angler in a boat that had planned on spending a good portion of the morning fishing. The only problem was that the angler had a warrant for his arrest. The patrol and fishing were both cut short, as the angler was lodged in the county jail.

While patrolling along the shoreline, PCO Patrick Hartsig and CO Bob Hobkirk observed two ATVs travelling on the state highway through the Village of Port Hope. Neither operator was wearing a helmet and one of the ATVs had a passenger. Once contact was made with the subjects, the officers also discovered that one of the subjects had two warrants for his arrest. Both ATV operators were ticketed for not wearing helmets and the individual with the warrants was placed under arrest and transported to the Huron County Jail.

CO Seth Rhodea was patrolling in Sanilac County when he observed two ORVs being operated illegally on the roadway. A traffic stop was made and additional violations were discovered. Violations included fail to wear a helmet, fail to operate on the right side of the roadway, operate ORV while suspended and operate unlicensed ORVs. Enforcement action was taken on both operators.

CO Kyle Bucholtz stopped a subject on an ORV for failing to wear a helmet and failing to attach an ORV license. When the CO asked of the older gentleman's date of birth,

the subject repeatedly stated "88." The subject also failed to remember his wife and daughter's names or where he lived. CO Bucholtz requested additional information from the local central dispatch and, with help from the local sheriff's office, the subject's wife was located. She stated the subject had recently shown signs of mental health issues. No enforcement action was taken and the subject and his ORV were safely returned home.

While on a recent foot patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed two fishing poles unattended with the bait and bobbers still in the water. CO Bucholtz took information from other anglers and waited in the area until the subjects returned. One subject stated he had left to eat and thought his stepson would watch the poles. The subject was gone for approximately one hour and his stepson was not in a position to observe the poles had a fish taken the bait. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss worked a marine patrol in St. Joseph on the river and Lake Michigan on July 4th and issued five tickets for marine safety issues including PFD violations, failing to have a boater safety certificate and registration violations.

CO Andy Bauer ran a night patrol on the St. Joseph River and contacted many people fishing. CO Bauer issued two tickets, one for not having a PFD and the other for fishing without a license.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Christopher Maher checked many anglers over the holiday weekend and issued five tickets for failing to have a fishing license when required and gave numerous warnings for minor marine violations.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas responded to a suspicious situation where two subjects were pushing an ORV down the roadway. Once on scene the COs found that the subjects were attempting to steal two ORVs. The subjects were also in possession of unlawful prescription pills and marijuana. The subjects were turned over to local deputies and arrested on larceny and felony drug charges.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas came across an incident where a Golden Retriever was hit by a Metro City Bus. The dog was badly injured with a probable crushed pelvis. Animal Control officers were unable to respond to the scene. The COs loaded the wounded dog into the back of their patrol truck and took it to an emergency veterinarian hospital where the owners were contacted.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas responded to the scene where a parole absconder had fled the scene of a traffic stop by the MSP. Two police K-9 units tracked the subject through a wooded area but were unable to locate the suspect. As CO Holmes and PCO Haas were searching the area they spotted the suspect on a road way and arrested him without further incident. The subject was lodged in the Kalamazoo County Jail.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas were observing two subjects fishing on a Kalamazoo County bridge. As they approached the subjects one of them threw a 22 ounce beer can into the lake. When asked, the subject said he threw the beer because he didn't think he could drink in public. The subject was also fishing without a license. He was ticketed for the litter violation and also for fishing without a license.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas observed a plume of smoke coming from a railroad bed in Kalamazoo County. The officers investigated the area and found two adults and two children walking on the railroad tracks. One of the adults was in possession of marijuana and both were ticketed for railroad trespass.

CO Mike Mshar was on marine patrol on Lake Allegan when he contacted a vessel with only one registration decal showing. While checking vessel and occupants the owner admitted to the vessel being unregistered. He also admitted to placing a 2018 sticker on the vessel from another boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck Towns participated in an event in Allegan County where local charter boat captains took approximately 70 kids fishing. The CO and charter boat captains were well received by the attendees.

CO Chris Simpson and PCO Brandon Hartleben were working a Parks detail at Grand Haven State Park when they were called to assist with a disorderly subject. The officers located the subject who was very combative and upon contact he was placed under arrest for disorderly person. Upon resisting arrest he was also charged with resisting and obstructing. It was later learned that the subject was on acid and he was transported to the hospital where he was cleared by doctors to be stable. He was lodged in the Ottawa County Jail without further incident.

DISTRICT 8

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Bill Haskin responded to a complaint of a raccoon being kept as a pet. The subject informed the COs that he had given the raccoon to his girlfriend and she released it two days prior. The COs asked to look around and search the house, but were denied entry into the residence. The officers were allowed to look around outside and found a dead raccoon locked in a chicken coop. CO Thorn also found a fish tank containing seven baby snapping turtles. In the process of obtaining a search warrant the homeowner gave consent to search. The COs found a marijuana grow containing 23 plants and several bags of clippings. The Meridian Township Police Department was called to assist and the officers found the home filled with a large number of deer antlers and other animals. The COs then checked the homeowner's RSS history and found suspicious inconsistencies. Inside the house COs found an untagged deer head and rack in the freezer that the owner could not provide answers for. The COs also found two sets of tagged antlers that were validated on the same day of purchase; however the subject denied shooting the deer on the day the tag was validated. A picture dated the same as one of the tags in question was found with the subject and one of the deer in question and another deer. An RSS check was

conducted later on the son. The son purchased a deer tag six minutes after his dad on the same day. The rack for the son's deer was discovered and it matched the other deer in the photograph. Confessions were obtained from both the dad and son stating that the dad shot two deer without tags. He then purchased a tag under his name and then a tag with his son's identification. A total of four deer antlers, a cape and illegal fishing gear were confiscated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds stopped several boaters for expired registrations and, after checking, found all had the current registrations but had forgotten to put them on their vessels. Verbal warnings were given.

CO Chris Reynolds while on marine patrol with CO Matt Page, observed an angler from a distance who was fishing. The subject, when contacted, said that he had forgotten to purchase a fishing license for this year, but has always purchased one. A check of the computer revealed the subject only purchases a license about every other year. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds had just loaded his patrol boat and observed an individual backing up to load their boat. The vehicle ended up going off the end of the boat ramp and became submerged in the water. The CO quickly grabbed his tow strap and secured it to the vehicle before it was completely submerged. A tow truck was called and was able to pull the vehicle and trailer out of the water.

CO Chris Reynolds while on marine patrol with CO Justin Ulberg on a local lake had a very busy patrol. The COs made several contacts with several verbal warnings and two tickets issued for expired registrations.

CO Matt Page checked an angler who was fishing from the shore. As the subject saw CO Page's boat approaching the subject set his pole down and began walking away. CO Page made contact with the subject who advised that he was not fishing he was just playing around and not planning on keeping anything that he caught. The subject stated that he usually buys a license. CO Page checked the computer and found that the subject had never purchased a fishing license. CO Page advised the subject of a cheaper 24 hour license and the subject stated, "Well I fish more than that." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page stopped a vessel without any registration displayed. Upon contact the subjects stated that it was a new boat and they had forgotten to attach the registration decals. Additionally two of the subjects stated that they did not have fishing licenses, and when they saw CO Page launch his boat they decided that was their reminder to go get their licenses. CO Page, while conducting a safety inspection, was advised that the vessel did not have any PFDs on board even with two young children as passengers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page and CO Chris Reynolds patrolled area lakes in Branch and Hillsdale Counties over the holiday weekend with over 200 contacts. Several verbal warnings

were given for minor marine violations. Tickets issued included expired registration and fishing without a license.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath were on patrol on Belle Isle when they observed a couple fishing by a secluded channel. Upon approaching them, the man put the fishing pole down and his wife continued fishing. The officers asked to check their cooler for fish and the man opened the cooler to show several opened and unopened beer cans. The man did not have a valid fishing license and had alcohol where prohibited in the park. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lobdell Lake in Livingston County, CO Rich Nickols, and PCO Hugh McMath stopped a PWC operator for not wearing a life jacket. The subject also had two small children on the PWC with him. The officers followed the subject back to his dock to ensure he made it back safely. The subject was a non-resident and bond money was taken for the violation.

While on marine patrol on Devil's Lake in Lenawee County, CO Justin Ulberg observed a subject driving a PWC without a PFD. After following the subject nearly the length of the lake, CO Ulberg was able to make contact with the subject at his dock. When asked why he wasn't wearing a PFD, the subject replied that the group of people he was with were arguing about who would drive the PWC back to the dock. The subject advised that he got sick of the group arguing so he jumped on and drove the PWC. The subject informed CO Ulberg that the group he was with should get the ticket since no one was willing to operate the PWC. CO Ulberg thought otherwise and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Round Lake in Lenawee County, CO Justin Ulberg observed an operator of a PWC pulling a tuber without an observer. CO Ulberg stopped the subject and also discovered the PWC had an expired registration and the operator had never taken boater safety. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss contacted three anglers fishing from a canoe. Upon closer inspection it was discovered that the motorized vessel was not registered and none of the anglers had life jackets. After discussing the violations with the subjects CO Goss asked to see their fishing licenses. None of the three had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss was putting in at a public access site and talked to a man and his girlfriend as they were launching their boat. After patrolling for about an hour he saw the couple again and noticed they were fishing. As he approached the two he watched as the female attempted to put down her fishing pole. Upon making contact it was discovered that the female did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jason Becker worked two "Heroes in the Park" events at Proud Lake Recreation Area. CO Becker read a book about bats to a group of children and assisted the park staff with an educational program on Michigan bats. CO Becker explained what a Conservation Officer is and what their responsibilities are, and answered many questions.

While on marine patrol on Oakland Lake, COs Jason Becker and Richard Cardenas observed a PWC leave a dock and pass by an anchored boat at greater than slow, no-wake speed. The COs contacted the PWC operator and noticed that the registration on the PWC was expired. The COs followed the PWC operator back to his house to get his registration, identification and boater's safety certificate. The subject stated that he just forgot to register the PWC. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Union Lake, CO Jason Becker encountered multiple instances of PWC operators under 14 years old operating PWCs with expired registrations. Parents were contacted and informed of the age limit for operating a PWC. The registrations had been expired for more than four years on each of the PWCs. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol on Union Lake, CO Jason Becker contacted the operator of a boat with no registration numbers or decal. The operator stated that he had not gotten around to attaching them. When CO Becker asked if he had any registration paperwork, the operator pulled out a plastic bag containing all of the MC numbers and expiration decals since the boat was purchased in 2009. The operator was ticketed for failing to display registration numbers.

CO Jason Becker was on patrol on Wolverine Lake for their fireworks display. CO Becker was maintaining a safety perimeter around the barge when he observed a boat operating after dark with no navigation lights. CO Becker contacted the operator and recognized him as a man who was warned for not obeying the slow, no-wake zone. CO Becker was able to escort him safely back to shore before the fireworks began. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Pontiac Lake CO Richard Cardenas observed a subject towing a water skier without an observer. CO Cardenas conducted a stop and contacted the operator and advised the subject of the law and the safety concerns while towing a skier. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling for marine activity on Pontiac Lake, CO Richard Cardenas issued tickets for violations of the 100 foot rule and for expired boat registrations.

CO Mark Ennett assisted with the transport and lodging of subject who had an outstanding warrant for fishing without a license out of Monroe County. The angler was being checked by CO Chris Simpson while on Belle Isle and found there was a warrant for his arrest.

CO Mark Ennett participated in a "Heroes in the Park" program in Monroe. CO Ennett gave general Law Enforcement Division presentations to groups of grade school age children at the Dorsch Library. A total of 70 children and a scattering of parents learned about wild animals, boats, and how a Rescue Throw Bag works to help save struggling swimmers.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney have been busy this week investigating a subject who intentionally ran over geese in the parking lot of a local marina. They have also been investigating a similar case involving a subject running over herring gulls in a parking lot, and they have attempted to contact another suspect on an illegal turkey case. To date they have been unable to interview the suspect.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney checked several shore anglers this week. Three subjects were issued tickets for fishing without a license.

CO Kris Kiel, PCO Will Kinney and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked the 4th of July marine patrol on Lake St. Clair. Many vessels were contacted and included 23 marine contacts and 20 fish contacts. Although no tickets were issued verbal warnings were given for no fire extinguisher and four verbal warnings were given for fail to display proper registration.

While patrolling the Black River and Lake Huron COs Ken Kovach and Ben Lasher contacted several vessels and found two separate vessels with expired registrations. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake Huron COs Ken Kovach and Ben Lasher assisted with a disabled vessel that was adrift. The vessel had engine problems and no one would help them. Due to the shipping hazard and the safety hazard for those aboard who were drifting, the COs conducted an emergency tow of the vessel taking it back into the Black River. The COs were able to get the disabled vessel's occupants back to shore without incident.

While patrolling in St. Clair County, CO Ben Lasher observed an ORV in the roadway in the same area he was in an ORV pursuit just a few weeks ago. CO Lasher was able to stop the ORV without incident and enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson worked a marine patrol on Lake Nepessing and assisted a subject at the launch who forgot to put the plug in the boat and the water was filling rapidly. On board the vessel was a female with a large cast on her leg. CO Schwiderson assisted the female in getting out of the vessel and helped the owner get the boat out of the water before it swamped.

During a patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers who were fishing along the Flint River in Flushing Township. CO Beavers observed the area from a nearby hill before making contact with the anglers. While on the hill CO Beavers saw one subject fishing under a bridge and one fishing on the shore of the river. CO

Beavers first made contact with the angler along the shore. While checking the subject, two individuals on kayaks arrived at the location. CO Beavers spoke with the kayakers at the top of the hill and checked them to ensure they had all the necessary equipment. After conducting the check, CO Beavers then went to the bottom of the hill to check the angler fishing under the bridge. Once at the bottom of the hill, CO Beavers noticed the angler was no longer fishing and had moved away from the fishing equipment. CO Beavers contacted the subject and asked for his fishing license. The subject stated he was not fishing and did not have a license. CO Beavers told the subject that he saw him fishing while under the bridge and then pointed the location where he was standing while observing the subject. The subject admitted he was fishing without a license and had not purchased one in years. The subject was ticketed for fishing without a valid license.

While checking anglers fishing in the Flint River near the Holloway Dam, CO Jeremy Beavers contacted two subjects fishing from shore next to the Oak Road Bridge. CO Beavers checked the area for fish and then asked the subjects for their fishing licenses. One subject told CO Beavers that he did not have a license and wanted to be up front and honest. CO Beavers asked the subject for his identification but the subject did not have it. The subject stated that he left his wallet at home. CO Beavers obtained the subject's information and ran it through dispatch. CO Beavers was then informed that the subject had an outstanding warrant in Genesee County. After confirming the warrant, it was requested that the subject be lodged at the city jail. The subject was ticketed for fishing without a valid license and detained for an outstanding civil child neglect warrant.

On July 4th, COs Jeremy Beavers, Saykham Keophalychanh and Richard Cardenas conducted a joint marine patrol of Lake Fenton. While on patrol the officers contacted dozens of vessels and well over a 100 people during their patrol. During the patrol one subject was ticketed for operating a PWC with an expired registration. The owner of the vessel stated it was registered but she forgot to apply the current sticker. After running the registration through dispatch, it was discovered the vessel was indeed expired and had been since March of 2014. The owner was ticketed for the violation. Later during the patrol, the officers stopped a vessel that was towing a tube without an observer. The vessel was pulling four small children on a large tube. The operator of the vessel was ticketed for the violation.

COs Jeremy Beavers, Saykham Keophalychanh and Richard Cardenas spent a large amount of time patrolling a peninsula referred to as "party point" on Lake Fenton. While at "party point" the officers assisted a subject who injured himself while in the water. The subject cut his foot, receiving a large wound that was down to the bone. The officers dressed the wound and instructed the subject he would need stitches. The subject refused further medical attention. At one point, the officers were flagged down by a subject from the peninsula. The subject introduced himself as the undersheriff of Genesee County Sheriff's Department and asked if the officers would come ashore and assist Deputies on land. The officers went ashore and assisted the officers with crowd control. After helping to disperse the crowd at "party point" the officers spotted a canoe

that had capsized in the lake. The officers quickly went to the location of the capsized vessel in order to assist the subjects. The officers safely rescued four subjects from the water and took them to shore. The capsized canoe was recovered by another boater who witnessed the incident.

CO Jeremy Beavers conducted a marine patrol of Lake Ponemah, Squaw Lake and Tupper Lake in Genesee County. During the patrol, CO Beavers checked multiple vessels. During one check, CO Beavers contacted a group of four subjects fishing near the public boat launch. During the check it was discovered the subjects did not have the required number of PFDs for the number of people on board. Another vessel was stopped for expired registration. The owner of the vessel said he knew it was expired but did not realize it until he was already on the water. Enforcement action was taken in both incidents.

BELLE ISLE

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Bill Haskin were on patrol on Belle Isle. A vehicle was stopped on the left side of the road with its hazard lights flashing. The COs pulled up behind and activated their emergency lights. CO Thorn observed open containers of alcohol in the vehicle. Both subjects in the vehicle had warrants, but were advised and released. Enforcement action was taken against the driver for driving with a suspended license.

CO Chris Reynolds worked a shift on Belle Isle and assisted an MSP unit on a traffic stop in which the subject had a valid warrant. The officers found some spelling variations in the subject's name from the driver's license to the warrant. The MSP unit transported the subject to the post for a fingerprint comparison, and it was found that the prints taken in the warrant didn't match with the subject's prints. The subject was advised to take the information to the court to clear up the warrant.

CO Damon Owens and CO Chris Reynolds worked a Belle Isle shift with CO Reynolds issuing two tickets for disregarding a stop sign and failing to provide child restraints in a motor vehicle.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath came across a vehicle parked near Sunset Point after park hours. When questioned about how they got in the park, they said there was no one at the bridge and no barricades. This was confirmed by CO Mark Ennett. The passenger of the vehicle was visibly intoxicated and a bottle of liquor was found under the passenger seat of the vehicle. The driver was ticketed for possession of alcohol in the park and given warnings on the other violations.

COs from around the state patrolled Belle Isle during the Detroit Freedom Festival Fireworks. Many positive contacts were made and many of the young visitors had a chance to take pictures while sitting on ORVs and some were seen playing catch with COs.

While setting up a traffic control point after the fireworks on Belle Isle in Detroit, Lt. Arthur Green and Sgt. Dan Bigger were contacted by a woman who said her 15 year old autistic son was missing. He was last seen near the Scott Fountain and Sunset Point. Sgt. Bigger put out a description of the missing person and he and Lt. Green kept talking to the mother to get more information. Within 10 minutes Sgt. Damon Owens was able to locate the young man and he was reunited with his mother.

CO Richard Cardenas observed a subject disregard a stop sign while working a Belle Isle shift. CO Cardenas conducted a traffic stop and it was found that the subject did not possess documentation that showed proof of insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Mshar and Mark Ennett worked a weekend shift on Belle Isle. On this particular night, there were no incidents to report, with one exception. Officers responded to a report of a vehicle going around the barricades and the security guard. It took just a minute or two to determine the offending vehicle was a Park staffer coming and going on their rounds.

While patrolling Milliken State Park, CO Larn Strawn and Sgt. Zach Doss observed a subject parked in a closed parking lot. While contacting the subject, the Officers discovered he had six outstanding arrest warrants. The subject was arrested and enforcement action was taken for the state land violations.